Exostar Managed Microsoft 365 Release Notes

Version 6.16: October 2026

Feature Updates

Compliance

- **Outgoing Mail Restrictions:** Sponsor Administrators and Team Managers can now restrict a team's outbound mail to an approved list of external domains and email addresses. The allow list is configured on the Team Details page and enforced at send time on both the Send File Externally (SharePoint) and Send Message (File Drop Inbox) paths, across To, CC, and BCC recipients. Any send with one or more disallowed recipients is blocked in its entirety, and configuration changes are captured in the audit log.

Other Improvements

- We've extended the Onboarding API with a new endpoint for updating a sponsor's license count and storage limit after onboarding, so subscription changes at renewal, upsell, or true-up can be pushed automatically rather than handled manually in the admin UI. *For Exostar internal administrator use only*.

Resolved Issues

- We've resolved an issue where the Send Files Externally feature did not get properly enabled when saving team details prior to mailbox configuration completing.

Version 6.15: September 2026

Feature Updates

Administration

- We’ve continued to streamline the offboarding process by enabling one-click offboarding with asynchronous execution and real-time status reporting. *For Exostar internal administrator use only*.

Other Improvements

- We've refreshed the Team Details page to make room for new features and present team usage duration more clearly.

Version 6.14: September 2026

Feature Updates

Reports

- **Automated Report Delivery:** Enterprise customers can now schedule recurring weekly delivery of the SharePoint Audit Report from a new Automated Reports tab under Administration. Sponsor Administrators set the report criteria, delivery location, and weekly day and time; the report is then generated and delivered automatically.
- **Audit Report (Exostar App Actions) — Time Zone:** The Audit Report (Exostar App Actions) now includes the time zone alongside the date and time of each entry for clearer interpretation across regions.

Resolved Issues

- We've resolved an issue where conflicting jobs could cause the SharePoint Audit Report to be delivered empty.

Version 6.13: August 2026

Feature Updates

Compliance

- **Compliance Documentation**: The Compliance tab now provides Sponsor Administrators with the full body-of-evidence documentation for Exostar's FedRAMP Moderate Equivalency and CMMC Level 2 certifications, along with the FedRAMP Marketplace package ID and CMMC UID.

User Management

- **Redemption Link in Azure B2B Invitation Emails:** Invitation emails sent to Azure B2B users now include the Azure AD redemption link when the invitation is pending acceptance, to ensure invited users can accept and gain access.
- **MAG Subscription Activation on Invitation:** When a user is invited to EMM365 and they have an existing request for the same application in Pending Approval status in MAG, the invitation now activates the subscription so the application becomes Active on the user's dashboard without separate MAG app admin approval.

Reports

- **SharePoint Audit Report — All Teams:** Sponsor Administrators can now generate a single consolidated SharePoint audit report covering all of a sponsor's teams and their private channels, in addition to the existing single-team option.
- **SharePoint Audit Report — Delivery Location:** Report requesters can now select the team and channel where the SharePoint audit report is delivered, rather than the report being written to the audited team's General channel by default. Applies to both single-team and All Teams reports.

Version 6.12: June 2026

Feature Updates

Reports

- **Teams Audit Report:** Sponsor Administrators can now retrieve audit logs for Microsoft Teams activity — including channel messages, membership changes, meeting events, and team configuration — using the new Teams Audit Report on the Reports tab. The report complements the existing SharePoint Audit Report by capturing activity within Microsoft Teams itself.

Compliance

- **Tenant Logo Configuration:** Tenant Administrators can now upload a custom logo to replace the default Exostar logo on the My Information tab and in outbound email footers. The custom logo applies to all users of the tenant.
- **Sponsor Administrator Account Selection:** When granting the Sponsor Administrator role from the Sponsor Admins tab, an explicit account selection is now required when the entered email address resolves to more than one active Exostar account. This prevents the role from being granted to the wrong account when a user has multiple Exostar accounts and aligns the Sponsor Admins tab with the Onboard New Customer and Invitation flows.

Version 6.11: May 2026

Feature Updates

Compliant File Drop

- **Send Message from File Drop Inbox:** Sponsor Administrators and Team Managers can now send message-only emails from the team mailbox directly from the File Drop Inbox, without navigating to SharePoint and including an attachment.
- **Reply from File Drop Inbox Message Preview:** Sponsor Administrators and Team Managers can also reply to messages directly from the File Drop Inbox message preview. This eliminates the need to compose replies from a separate mail client.

Compliance

- **Exostar Managed Secure Desktop:** We've continued integration work between EMM365 and the Exostar Managed Secure Desktop (EMSD), including syncing the Sponsor Administrator role to Entra ID so EMSD can grant and revoke the role automatically when the bundle is enabled.

Resolved Issues

- We've resolved an issue where embedded images were not displayed when previewing a message in the File Drop Inbox.

Version 6.10: April 2026

Feature Updates

Localization

- **Japanese Language Support:** The EMM365 application now supports Japanese as a display language. Users can select their preferred language from a new drop-down menu; when Japanese is selected, all UI labels and messages are displayed in Japanese. System-generated emails (such as invitations and File Drop notifications) are sent in the language configured for the tenant's deployment country. *Available in Japan Commercial deployments.*

User Management

- **MAG Subscription Cleanup on User Deletion:** When a user is fully deleted from EMM365, their EMM365 subscription in MAG is now automatically deactivated, ensuring consistent user lifecycle management across the platform and eliminating orphaned subscriptions.

Reports

- **Site Permissions Report:** Sponsor Administrators can now review block download settings and permitted users across all SharePoint sites — including standard teams, private channels, and Supplier Collaboration teams — from a single Site Permissions Report on the Reports tab. The report is downloadable to XLSX to support audit evidence.

Other Improvements

- We've introduced an Onboarding API to support automated customer provisioning. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.*
- We've continued to expand the Offboarding workflow with additional tools for Tenant Administrators. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.*
- We've made behind-the-scenes updates to support Commercial deployments.

Version 6.9: February 2026

Feature Updates

Compliance

- **Exostar Managed Secure Desktop:** Continued integration work between EMM365 and EMSD in preparation for the Exostar Managed Secure Desktop rollout, including additional behind-the-scenes enhancements to support the bundled offering.

Version 6.8: February 2026

Feature Updates

Compliance

- **Exostar Managed Secure Desktop:** In this release, we've made behind-the-scenes updates to EMM365 to support the upcoming Exostar Managed Secure Desktop (EMSD) bundled offering.

Version 6.7: January 2026

Feature Updates

Compliance

- **Download Exception List:** When downloads are restricted, organizations can still grant exceptions to specific users who require download access to perform their job responsibilities. Sponsor Admins and Team Managers can define and manage a list of permitted users who are allowed to download files, ensuring operational flexibility while maintaining strong data protection controls.
- **Compliance Documentation:** Exostar's MAG/MM365 has achieved compliance with both FedRAMP Moderate Equivalent and CMMC Level 2. Details on requesting documentation to support your audit are available for Sponsor Administrators on the Compliance tab under Administration.

Supplier Collaboration

- **Share Multiple Files:** File sharing in Supplier Collaboration now supports selecting and sharing multiple files in a single action, improving efficiency when collaborating with suppliers.
- **Storage Metrics:** Storage metrics reporting now includes storage used by Supplier Collaboration Teams, providing a complete view of storage consumption across all collaboration types.

Reports

- **Teams Report Enhancements:** The Teams Report includes additional data fields and improved filtering for more comprehensive insights into team usage and composition, including total users, pending users, private channel count, and team feature enablement.
- **SharePoint Audit Report Enhancements:** The SharePoint Audit Report now includes IP address for increased security visibility.

Other Improvements

- We've continued to streamline offboarding by adding a bulk delete feature for teams. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.*

Version 6.6: November 2025

Feature Updates

Permissions

- **Block Download by Default**: Sponsor Administrators can choose to automatically restrict file downloads for new teams and private channels, enhancing data security and reducing the risk of unauthorized sharing. This setting is available on the new Settings tab under Administration and is enabled by default for all new customers, ensuring stronger protection from day one.

Supplier Collaboration

- **Large File Support**: The File Share feature and File Upload API now support files up to 2GB, ensuring smooth, secure collaboration on large documents.

- **Block Download by Default**: Supplier Collaboration Administrators can choose to block download by default for new supplier sites. This setting is available on the new Settings tab under Supplier Collaboration.

Document Sharing

- **Copy Exostar Link:** A new SharePoint menu item enables sharing document links with partners who authenticate using Exostar's Managed Access Gateway (MAG). Users will be prompted to authenticate using MAG credentials rather than Microsoft credentials when accessing the file.

Resolved Issues

- We've resolved an issue when exporting file drop messages to libraries with more than 200 folders. We've also improved error messaging for issues that arise when exporting messages.

Version 6.5.1: October 2025

Resolved Issues

- Resolved issues affecting Compliance Documents, including problems with editing document metadata and uploading documents for enterprise customers.
- Addressed potential issues linking audit entries to the correct sponsor when partner users are associated with multiple sponsors.

Version 6.5: September 2025

Feature Updates

Security and Compliance

- **Compliance Documents:** Sponsor Administrators can now download compliance documentation under the Administration tab to support audit assessments.
- **MAG Self-Registration with Token:** Invitation emails sent to users without an existing MAG account now include a unique, time-limited token for self-registration. The registration link can only be used with the invited email address and expires after 7 days, preventing unauthorized use.
- **CUI Data Protection**: Reduced the interval between user invitation to team and subscription removal to ensure new members do not receive forwarded messages.

Domain Management

- **Sponsor Domains**: Enterprise customers will now see the primary sponsor domain on the Domain Management tab in addition to any secondary sponsor domains, to help avoid confusion.

Supplier Collaboration

- **Block Download:** Enterprise customers can now restrict file downloads from supplier sites when sharing data through structured collaboration.

- **Supplier and Enterprise Actions:** The modified column on the supplier and enterprise actions dashboards now displays both date and time.

Resolved Issues

- We've fixed an issue where the File Drop Inbox did not automatically refresh after conversations were deleted.

Version 6.4: August 2025

Feature Updates

Compliant File Drop

- **Automatic Export:** Save time and clicks with the new option to automatically export messages from the file drop inbox directly to your team.

Send File Externally

- **CC and BCC Recipients**: When sending files externally, you can now add recipients in CC and BCC for greater flexibility and control.

Supplier Collaboration

- **File Upload API:** Enterprise customers can now securely and compliantly upload Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) directly from external buyer systems to supplier sites via our new File Upload REST API.

Security and Compliance

- Exostar's Managed Microsoft 365 service currently does not include access to email and calendar functionality. As a result, access to this service via any method is being disabled. We're ensuring compliance by restricting mailbox access for unlicensed users.

Version 6.3.2: July 2025

Resolved Issues

- We've fixed an issue that caused duplicate site URLs to appear in the Permissions tab.

Version 6.3.1: July 2025

Feature Updates

Security & Compliance

- **SharePoint Site Settings Update**: To ensure all permissions remain managed and visible through the Exostar app, we've disabled the ability for team members to share files, folders, or sites directly within all SharePoint sites (including Teams and private channels). Additionally, we've disabled access requests, as only site owners can approve them—and since team members are not assigned the site owner role, these requests would otherwise go unanswered.
- **User Management:** The Sponsor Admin field now accurately reflects the searched user's role within the searcher's enclave. It will display "Yes" only if the searched user is a Sponsor Administrator in the same enclave as the searching user, rather than showing "Yes" for Sponsor Admins in any enclave.

Resolved Issues

- **File Drop Notifications:** We've resolved an issue preventing team managers from receiving notification emails when messages are received in the File Drop Inbox.
- We've fixed an issue preventing a sponsor admin from deleting a partner user from their enclave when the user is a sponsor administrator in another enclave.

Version 6.3: June 2025

Feature Updates

Send File Externally

- **File Size Increase**: We've increased the file size limit for sending files using the Send File Externally feature to 25 MB.

Supplier Collaboration

- We're laying the foundation for future integrations with enterprise applications. As part of this, we're now storing Enterprise Exostar ID for buyer organizations using the Supplier Collaboration feature, enabling capabilities like supplier document uploads via API.

Other Improvements

- We're excited to share that we've updated our branding to better reflect who we are and where we're headed. You'll notice branding changes in the application and email notifications.
- We've begun enhancing administrative capabilities to support expanded role management—such as meeting scheduling—in preparation for upcoming feature releases. Some of these new roles may be tied to specific subscription levels. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.*

Resolved Issues

- We've addressed an issue preventing the invitation and provisioning of MAG users who have not completed their first login.

- In Release 6.1, we introduced private channel management through the EMM365 app and migrated existing private channels to be managed through it. During that migration, some channel creation data was captured inaccurately. In Release 6.3, we've corrected these discrepancies: the 'Created Date' on the Private Channels tab now accurately reflects the true creation date. Additionally, because creator information could not be reliably retrieved programmatically, it is now shown as 'Not Available' to avoid displaying incorrect data.

Version 6.2: May 2025

Feature Updates

Private Channel Management

- Sponsor Administrators and Team Managers are now notified via email when private channels are added, archived, deleted or restored and when channel membership changes. [GCCH]

Supplier Collaboration

- Supplier Collaboration Administrators can now deactivate a supplier when the organization stops doing business or collaborating with the supplier, either temporarily or permanently. Deactivation revokes the supplier's user access while preserving all associated content for reference and reporting. Deactivated suppliers can be reactivated at any time if collaboration resumes. [GCCH]
- Supplier Collaboration Administrators can now deactivate document templates when the associated documents are no longer relevant. Once deactivated, these templates will no longer generate document libraries in supplier sites for new suppliers. Existing libraries and content for current suppliers remain unaffected. [GCCH]
- We've updated audit entries for actions related to document template management to support renaming of the feature. [GCCH]

Resolved Issues

- We've resolved an issue preventing the Send File Externally option from appearing in private channels of teams where the feature is enabled. [GCCH]
- We've added an audit entry to capture when a pending user is added to a team after being provisioned to the tenant. [GCCH]
- We've fixed an issue with duplicate audit entries when block download is enabled or disabled and capture both the action of the user requesting the change to the setting and the setting being applied to the SharePoint site. [GCCH]
- We've partially resolved an issue that began around May 12, 2025, where enabling the File Drop feature would fail to update mailbox configuration, yet incorrectly appear as successful. The feature can now be reliably enabled for new teams. If mailbox configuration fails, users will now see an error message and the feature will not be marked as enabled. We are continuing to work with Microsoft to fully resolve the issue and support successful mailbox configuration and feature enablement for existing teams. [GCCH]

Version 6.1.2: April 2025

Resolved Issues

- We've fixed an issue preventing receiving and sending files when the team file drop and send file externally features appeared to be enabled for the team. [GCCH]

Version 6.1.1: April 2025

Resolved Issues

- We've fixed an issue that mistakenly disabled the save button, which was preventing changes to permissions for teams and private channels. [GCCH]
- We've resolved a display issue where a user was incorrectly shown as having access to a private channel after being removed from the team and all its channels. [GCCH]

Version 6.1: April 2025

Feature Updates

Private Channel Management

- Sponsor Administrators and Team Managers can now use the Exostar app to add, archive, and delete private channels, as well as manage channel memberships. The ability for team members to create and own private channels has been removed. For more information, click here. [GCCH]

Supplier Collaboration

- We've standardized the supplier site URLs to ensure consistency and facilitate their use across various systems. [GCCH]
- When a document template is updated, the related document library views on the supplier site are also refreshed. [GCCH]

Resolved Issues

- We've resolved an issue that occurred when exporting an email that contained attachments with duplicate file names.
- We've fixed an issue that prevented the removal of a user from the team when they were the owner of a private channel.

Version 6.0: March 2025

Feature Updates

Supplier Collaboration

- **Supplier Collaboration Feature:** To add value to Exostar's Supply Chain/Procure-to-pay suite of applications, Managed Microsoft 365 Premium (Enterprise) in Aerospace and Defense now supports pre-defined Team/Site and Document Templates with dashboards for document tracking between Buyers and Suppliers. Speak to your customer success or sales representative for a demonstration and discussion on how to enable within your environment. [GCCH]

Version 5.13: February 2025

Feature Updates

Meeting Scheduling

- **My Calendar:** Enterprise customers now have access to an app that offers a direct link to the Outlook calendar for scheduling meetings. *This feature is currently available to select customers and will be rolled out more broadly in the future.* [GCCH]

Other Improvements

- Archived teams have been excluded from the SharePoint Audit Report team selection because the reports sent to these teams are not accessible to the requestor. For SharePoint audit records of ana archived team, please contact customer support. [GCCH, Commercial]
- We've made slight adjustments to the content of system-generated email notifications. [GCCH, Commercial]

Resolved Issues

- Fixed an issue preventing saving of tenant configuration parameters in new tenants. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.* [GCCH, Commercial]
- Resolved a validation issue that allowed users to submit the 'Create Team' form without a valid team name, which caused an error. [GCCH, Commercial]

Version 5.12: December 2024

Feature Updates

Audit Reporting

- **SharePoint Audit Report:** Sponsor Administrators can retrieve SharePoint audit logs for their teams using the new SharePoint Audit Report. Audit entries for actions taken within the Exostar app are still available on the existing report which has been renamed for clarity to "Audit Report (Exostar App Actions)". For more information click here. [GCCH, Commercial]

Other Improvements

- **User UPN:** We've updated the User Management search results and Licensed Users Report to include the user's UPN which can be used to identify the Exostar (MAG) account for the user. [GCCH]
- **Authentication Source:** The Licensed Users Report also includes the Authentication source which indicates whether users authenticate via Exostar's Managed Access Gateway (MAG) or Azure. [GCCH]

Resolved Issues

- Fixed an issue where duplicate entries were created for enterprise customers during the Active Directory/Database sync action. [GCCH]
- Addressed a problem with the audit report entries when updating the authentication source for a domain. [GCCH]
- Corrected an issue where all sponsor features appeared disabled on the licenses tab, regardless of their actual status. [GCCH]
- Fixed an issue affecting a small number of customers where the licenses used value on the licenses tab was incorrect. [GCCH]

Version 5.11: November 2024

Feature Updates

Special Permissions

- **Block Download:** We've added a Permissions tab under Manage Teams where Team Managers and Sponsor Administrators can block download at the site level once a site has been created. For more information click here. [GCCH, Commercial]

Other Improvements

- We've added the Exostar Managed Microsoft 365 application version number to My Information for easy reference. [GCCH, Commercial]

Resolved Issues

- We've resolved an issue where total partner count and last application activity were not being displayed properly in the Sponsor Utilization Report. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.* [GCCH, Commercial]

Version 5.10.4: October 2024

Resolved Issues

- We've updated the invitation email sent to users who require a MAG account (pending users) to with instructions for completing self-registration.

Version 5.10.3: October 2024

Resolved Issues

- In our multi-tenant (SMB) environment, partner domains are configured for users to authenticate using Exostar's Managed Access Gateway (MAG) by default. We resolved an issue where in some cases the authentication source was incorrectly set to Azure for new partner domains. [GCCH]

Version 5.10.2: October 2024

Resolved Issues

- We've resolved an issue with exporting messages from the file drop inbox when the message includes another email as the attachment. [GCCH, Commercial]

Version 5.10.1: October 2024

Feature Updates

Scheduled Teams Meetings (coming soon)

- In preparation for releasing Scheduled Teams Meetings to all Exostar Managed Microsoft 365 customers in our multi-tenant (SMB) environment, we have locked down Teams Meetings to invited users only. This will require users to be logged into the tenant before joining a meeting. This is in accordance with NIST SP 800-171 rev 2 control 3.1.3: Control the flow of CUI in accordance with approved authorizations. Future details and documentation about this feature will follow in a future release [GCCH]

Version 5.10: October 2024

Feature Updates

Archive Team

- **Archiving teams:** We've added a new feature for archiving teams which behaves similarly to deleting a team in previous versions. When a team is archived, all users are removed from the team and any private channels. Team content is preserved and can be restored indefinitely. Sponsor Admins and Team Managers can archive teams using the new Archive Teams tab under Manage Teams. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Managing archived teams:** Sponsor Admins can view and restore or delete archived teams on the new Archived Teams tab under Administration. Restoring an archived team restores contents only. User access is not automatically restored and must be granted via invitation. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Note:** Teams that were deleted prior to Version 5.10 have been marked as "archived". Visit the archived teams tab to view and manage these teams.

Delete Team

- **Deleted team management:** Deleted teams are now sent to the SharePoint recycle bin and can only be restored within 30 days of deletion. [GCCH, Commercial]

Digital Adoption Platform

- Additional data elements were added to support targeted messaging and feature enablement through our digital adoption platform integration (WalkMe). [GCCH]

Other Improvements

- We've refactored our code to improve performance, stability and compliance. [GCCH, Commercial]
- We've made some UI improvements for our sponsor management features. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.* [GCCH]

Version 5.9.3: September 2024

Compliance

- We've made some security updates for the purpose of compliance. [GCCH]

Version 5.9.2: August 2024

Feature Updates

Announcements

- We've introduced an announcement feature to share important information. Click on "New" in the lower left corner of any page to view feature updates and other essential information. [GCCH]

Version 5.9.1: July 2024

Resolved Issues

- We've resolved an issue creating special permissions on teams with pending users. [GCCH]

Version 5.9: July 2024

Feature Updates

Special Permissions

- **Restricting permissions:** We've added a Permissions tab under Manage Teams where Team Managers and Sponsor Administrators can enable special permissions for a team. When special permissions are enabled for a team, custom permission levels, such as restricting download, can be assigned to team members based on their role. [GCCH] **[See Notice Above]**

Notice: With the introduction of Microsoft Teams 2.0 for the web in GCCH, we discovered that Teams was no longer respecting the SharePoint permissions we applied in the Restricted Permissions feature introduced in version 5.9. As a result, we disabled the feature across all environments (Enterprise and Multi-Tenant). Using new technology, the ability to block download was re-introduced in version 5.11.

Compliant File Drop

- **Message preview and exported content:** We've expanded the preview and export of messages sent to the team's File Drop Inbox to include the entire message body rather than the most recent post. [GCCH]

Resolved Issues

- We've improved error handling when Microsoft fails to add a user to a team during team creation. [GCCH, Commercial]
- We've resolved an intermittent issue where some users were not fully removed from deleted teams. [GCCH, Commercial]
- An issue preventing deactivation and reactivation of a sponsor domain has been resolved. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.* [GCCH]

Version 5.8: June 2024

Feature Updates

Domain Management

- **Partnership between sponsors:** Sponsors are now able to partner with one another. The restriction in Domain Management preventing adding another sponsor as a partner has been removed. [GCCH]

Onboarding

- **New customer eligibility:** Current partners are now eligible to participate in a free trial and purchase their own dedicated secure enclave. The restriction preventing the onboarding of a new sponsor who was already designated a partner to another sponsor has been removed. [GCCH]
- **New customer onboarding:** We've streamlined the onboarding process for new paid and trial customers. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.* [GCCH]

Version 5.7.2: June 2024

Feature Updates

Digital Adoption Platform

- We've integrated WalkMe Digital Adoption Platform (DAP) and will begin introducing user tutorials. [GCCH]

Version 5.7.1: May 2024

Resolved Issues

- An intermittent issue seen in enterprise deployments preventing the update of team details has been resolved. [GCCH]

Version 5.7: April 2024

Feature Updates

Domain Management

- **Partner user count:** The number of users that have been invited from each partner domain is available on the Domain Management tab. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Remove partner domains:** Sponsor Administrators can now remove partner domains once all invited from the domain have been deleted. [GCCH, Commercial]

Digital Adoption Platform

- Foundation elements were added for upcoming digital adoption platform integration (WalkMe). [GCCH]

Version 5.6: March 2024

Feature Updates

Trial Usage

- **Automated trial eligibility determination:** Users requesting a free trial are notified immediately upon request submission if they are eligible for a free trial. [GCCH]
- **License management for trial users:** Trial users can now view their trial status and expiration date on the Licenses tab and convert to a paid subscription. [GCCH]

Administration

- **Sponsor management:** We've added metadata for tracking subscription status to support automated offboarding processes and reporting. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.* [GCCH]

Resolved Issues

- An issue with notifications being sent to Team Managers when a reply is received from a recipient of a file that was sent externally has been resolved. [GCCH]

Version 5.5.1: March 2024

Resolved Issues

- An issue when removing team members or changing team member role on teams with large membership has been resolved. [GCCH, Commercial]

Version 5.5: February 2024

Feature Updates

Compliant File Drop

- **New message notifications:** Team Managers are notified via email when new messages are received in the File Drop Inbox. [GCCH]

Reports

- **Sponsor Utilization Report:** A new Sponsor Utilization Report provides metrics such as license and storage usage and availability, feature enablement and application activity for all sponsors. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.* [GCCH]

Compliance

- **Disable user notification subscription from Team mailbox:** By default, guest users are automatically subscribed to team mailbox notifications when invited to a team. We override this default behavior for security purposes. [GCCH]

Trial Usage

- **Trial Subscriptions:** Added metadata to sponsor to support trial usage including status and expiration date. *For Exostar internal administrator use only.* [GCCH]

Version 5.4: December 2023

Feature Updates

Send Files Externally

- **Compliant file egress:** Sponsor Administrators and Team Managers can enable the Send Files Externally feature per team and when enabled, send files stored in the team to external email addresses without having to download the file. [GCCH]

Version 5.3.2: October 2023

Resolved Issues

- An issue preventing Exostar-authenticated users from accessing Teams has been resolved. The issue was introduced with version 5.2 and was isolated to users who were invited using the pending MAG account creation flow. Access for existing user accounts that were affected has also been restored. [GCCH]

Version 5.3.1: October 2023

Feature Updates

Reports

- **User Trend Report:** A new User Trend report allows sponsor administrators in enterprise deployments to view user trends including user type, status and authentication source. [GCCH, Commercial]

Other improvements

- **Displaying user first and last names:** User information for Azure B2B users that is not available at the time of invitation such as first name and last name is now synchronized regularly from Active Directory to the custom database, so the actual names are displayed in the Exostar application rather than "Not available". [GCCH, Commercial]

Version 5.3: September 2023

Feature Updates

Administration

- **Sponsor features:** We've introduced features that can be enabled or disabled for a sponsor based on subscriptions purchased and configuration requirements. [GCCH]

Compliant File Drop

- **Compliant file ingress:** Sponsor Administrators and Team Managers can enable the Team File Drop feature which allows external users to send files to the team email address. The file drop inbox tab displays messages and attachments sent to the team mailbox and includes export capability to extract messages and attachments to the team's files. [GCCH]

Reports

- **User Trend Report:** A new User Trend report allows sponsor administrators in enterprise deployments to view user trends including user type, status and authentication source. [GCCH, Commercial]

Deleted Team Management

- **Restore deleted teams:** Sponsor Administrators can now restore a team that has been deleted using the Exostar app. Restoring a team restores contents only. User access is not automatically restored and must be granted via invitation. [GCCH, Commercial]

Private Channels Management

- **Private channel visibility and access:** The Manage Teams tab includes a Private Channels section where Sponsor Administrators and Team Managers can see all private channels in Team, view a channel's membership details and add themselves as owner of the channel if desired. [GCCH, Commercial]

Other improvements

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Version 5.2.1: July 2023

Resolved Issues

- An issue updating the number of licenses purchased for new sponsors has been resolved. [GCCH]

Version 5.2: July 2023

Feature Updates

License Management

- **License usage:** The calculation of the number of licenses used has been updated to include users who have been invited by a sponsor but are not part of any teams. These users can be identified using the Licensed Users Report. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Purchasing additional licenses**: A warning will be displayed when the number of licenses used is nearing or exceeds the number of licenses purchased. When the number of licenses purchased is exceeded, new users cannot be invited. The option to purchase additional licenses is provided on the licenses tab. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Licensed Users Report:** Sponsor Administrators can use the Licensed Users Report to view all users who are consuming a license, including user status (Provisioned or Pending), the number of teams the user has been invited to, and optionally drill down to the see more details. [GCCH, Commercial]

Notifications

- **Email notifications:** Email notifications are sent to affected users and the associated sponsor administrators or team managers when a user is added to or removed from a team, a user's role is changed, or a team is deleted. [GCCH, Commercial]

Administration

- **Feature Flags:** We've introduced the use of feature flags allowing Exostar administrators to enable or disable functionality to support our move to CI/CD (Continuous Integration/ Continuous Deployment) practices. [GCCH, Commercial]

Resolved Issues

Auditing

- An issue resulting in some team management activities not being audited for actions taken by team managers has been resolved. [GCCH, Commercial]

Version 5.1: May 2023

Feature Updates

Auditing

- **Auditing user actions:** We've begun keeping an audit log of all activity that takes place within the Exostar application. Any action taken using the Exostar application, such as team creation and management, user management, and administration, is recorded. [GCCH, Commercial]

Reports

- **Users Report**: A new Users Report allows sponsor administrators to view all users who were invited by someone in their organization and the team(s) and/or role(s) they have access to. The report includes filtering, sorting and download options. When viewed online, the report includes links to User Management to view user details and remove user access as needed. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Audit Report:** Sponsor administrators can use the new Audit Report to view actions taken using the Exostar application. The downloaded report includes actor, effected entity, date/time and relevant details for each action taken. Report filters are available for more targeted results. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Pending Users Report:** Sponsor administrators can view users who have been invited but whose access is pending account creation in Exostar's Managed Access Gateway (MAG). The Pending User Report includes links to User Management to view user details and revoke invitations as needed. [GCCH]

Version 5.0: March 2023

Feature Updates

Invitation

- **Invitation prior to Exostar account creation**: If the user you are inviting requires an Exostar account (the user's domain is configured for authentication using an Exostar rather than Azure B2B authentication), you can now invite the user to your team prior to them creating an Exostar account. Invited users receive an email invitation to create an Exostar account. The user stays in pending status until an Exostar account is created. Once the account is created the user is removed from a pending status and automatically added to your team. [GCCH]

- **Inviting users with multiple Exostar accounts:** You can now invite a user whose email address is associated with more than one Exostar account by selecting an account from a list of the user's accounts provided during user lookup. [GCCH]
- **Improved user lookup:** Team selection is now the first step when inviting users to your teams so that lookup results will show when a user has already been invited to the team. [GCCH, Commercial]

Team Management

- **Pending team members:** Team managers can view and manage invitations of users whose access to the team is pending the user's Exostar account creation. Team managers can resend or delete the user invitation. [GCCH]

User Management

- **User management feature availability**: The User Management feature is no longer restricted to enterprise customers. Sponsor administrators in all deployment models can perform user search and deletion. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Pending users:** User management now includes search results for pending users who have been invited to teams and/or as sponsor administrators prior to Exostar account creation. Sponsor administrators can delete pending users which deletes all outstanding invitations for the user. [GCCH]

Sponsor Administration

- **Invitation prior to Exostar account creation**: In addition to being able to invite a user to a team when an Exostar account is required, users can be invited as sponsor administrators prior to creating an Exostar account. Invited users receive an email invitation to create an Exostar account and will remain in pending status until their Exostar account is created. Once the account is created the user is removed from a pending status and automatically given access to Teams as a sponsor administrator. [GCCH]
- **Pending sponsor administrators:** Existing sponsor administrators can view, resend and remove invitations to pending users invited as sponsor administrators on the Sponsor Administrators tab. [GCCH]

Reports

- **Accessing reports:** A new Reports tab gives authorized users easy access to reports including the Teams report. New reports will be accessible via the Reports tab as they are available. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Teams report updates:** The Teams report now includes user statistics (total number of users, total partner users, and total sponsor users) as well as a list of team managers for each team. Sorting and export capabilities are also now available. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Support for sponsor-level auditing**: All invited users are now mapped to the inviting sponsor(s) to enable audit reporting of user activities at the sponsor level. [GCCH, Commercial]

Other Improvements

- Context caching has been added to improve performance and ensure real-time reflection of role changes. [GCCH, Commercial]

Version 4.2: January 2023

Feature Updates

Domain Management

- **Default setting for authentication source:** When a partner domain is added the authentication source is now set to Exostar (instead of Pending) by default. This automated setting is configurable for enterprise customers. Exostar customer support can change the authentication source for a partner domain upon request. [GCCH]

User Management

- **Support for users with multiple email addresses:** User search now displays results when any of the user's email addresses entered. My Information now displays all email addresses associated with the user's profile. [GCCH, Commercial]

Accessing Teams

- **Invitation acceptance required for Exostar users:** If you authenticate using Exostar's Secure Access Manager (SAM), you must accept the invitation to Teams prior to access. [Commercial]

Version 4.1: December 2022

Feature Updates

Sponsor Administration

- **User search:** Sponsor administrators (enterprise customers) can now search for users by email address and view team memberships and assigned roles for the user [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Remove user:** Sponsor administrators (enterprise customers) are now able to fully delete a user, removing the user from all teams and assigned roles [GCCH, Commercial]

Invitation

- **User lookup:** Email address entry now accepts a semi-colon delimiter. Improved cut and paste experience [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Select all:** A select all option is available to expedite invitation of eligible users returned during lookup [GCCH, Commercial]

Manage Team Members

- **Authentication source:** You can now see whether your team members are authenticating using an Exostar account or via Azure B2B [GCCH, Commercial]

- **Download team members:** An export option now allows you to download team members [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Resend email invitation:** You can now resend an invitation email to a team member who may have missed it [GCCH, Commercial]

Version 4.0.3: October 2022

Resolved Issues

Email Notifications

- An issue preventing guest users with Exostar accounts from receiving Microsoft-generated email notifications has been resolved. (Email forwarding enabled for Exostar guests) [GCCH]

Version 4.0.2: September 2022

Resolved Issues

Invitation

- An issue preventing users from being added to a team during invitation has been resolved. (Azure and Teams AD sync/Invitation in Progress flow) [GCCH]
- An issue preventing the invitation of Exostar users with Azure verified domains has been resolved. (Exostar ID added to user profile) [GCCH]
- An issue preventing users from being invited due to case sensitive logic has been resolved. [GCCH, Commercial]

Version 4.0: August 2022

Feature Updates

Sponsor Administration

- **Sponsor Administrator notification:** New sponsor administrators will receive an email notification when the role is granted informing them of their elevated privileges. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Sponsor Administrator invitation:** Prior invitation to a team is no longer required to grant the sponsor administrator role. For new users, an invitation will be sent when the role is granted. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Multiple sponsor domains:** Enterprise customers are now able to designate multiple domains for internal users who will be given member privileges and can serve as team managers and sponsor administrators. [GCCH, Commercial]

Invitation

- **Invite multiple users:** You can now invite up to 10 users at a time to a given team. [GCCH, Commercial]

Help Resources

- **Resources:** My Information includes links to self-help resources and a list of sponsor administrators to contact for help with team creation and invitation. [GCCH, Commercial]

Sensitivity Protection

- **Sensitivity labels:** Selecting a sensitivity classification during team creation now applies a sensitivity label to the team. Configured policies associated with the label are applied to documents stored within the team such as watermarking. [Commercial]
    - Policies are configured in discussion with enterprise customers based on their requirements.
    - Microsoft Information Protection and Microsoft Defender for Cloud App capabilities become available to fulfill the requirements.

(May require additional licenses and / or professional services depending on the requirement)

Accessing Teams

- **Simplified access for Exostar-managed users:** We've simplified authentication and access for users with Exostar managed accounts. Exostar users must click on the application in their Exostar portal dashboard to access their teams. [GCCH, Commercial]

Version 3.1: May 2022

Feature Updates

Sponsor Administration

- **Sponsor Administrator role management:** Sponsor Administrators are designated business users responsible for oversight and management of the sponsor's teams and users. Sponsor Administrators are now able to grant the Sponsor Administrator role to other internal users. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Partner management:** This feature allows Sponsor Administrators to maintain a list of domains authorized for collaboration within teams. User invitation is restricted to users from designated partner domains. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Support for social identities:** You are now able to invite users with social domain email addresses (e.g., gmail.com, facebook.com, etc.) by adding the domain as an authorized partner. Users with social identities must have Exostar credentials to access Teams.
- **License usage metrics:** Sponsor Administrators can now view their Secure Access for M365 license usage and availability. [GCCH, Commercial]

Tenant Administration

- **Configurable domain authentication source:** Any domain authorized for access to the tenant (i.e., a sponsor or designated partner domain) can now be configured to use Exostar as the authentication source for Teams, regardless of the domain's registration status in Azure. [GCCH, Commercial]

Invitation

- **Simplified user lookup:** We've simplified the search results when inviting users so it's clear when and why a user cannot be invited. [GCCH, Commercial]

Version 2.0: January 2022

Feature Updates

Manage Teams

- **Team Manager Role:** The Team Manager role enables designated team members to perform team-level management functions including inviting users, which was previously available only to Sponsor Administrators. [GCCH, Commercial]
- **Manage Teams:** Sponsor Administrators and Team Managers have expanded team management capabilities and can edit team details, manage team membership and delete a team using the new Manage Teams tab. [GCCH, Commercial]

Affected Deployment Designation

- [GCCH] indicates GCCH deployments are affected
- [Commercial] indicates Commercial deployments are affected